

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
SUPERFUND SITE STRATEGY RECOMMENDATION - REGION 06**

Site Name: Fine Organics **CERCLIS ID#:** ~~TX000060538~~ **TX000060538**

Alias Site Names:

Address:

6655 West Bay Road

City/County or Parish/State/Zip Code:

Baytown, Chambers County, Texas

Report Type, Date, and Author:

Preliminary Assessment, August 1999, TNRCC

RECOMMENDATION:

☒ **1. No Further Remedial Action Planned under Superfund (NFRAP)**

☐ **2. Further Investigation Needed Under Superfund**

☐ PA ☐ HRS ☐ SSI ☐ RA ☐ ESI ☐ RI/FS

To be performed by:

Other:

Priority: ☐ High ☐ Low

3. Action Deferred ☐ RCRA

☐ NRC

NOTIFY AUTHORITY:

☐ Removal

☐ SMCRA

☐ NRC

☐ UIC

☐ RCRA

☒ Remedial

☐ Resource Trustee

☐ SPCC

☐ TSCA

☒ State/Tribe

☐ CERCLA Enforcement ☐ Other

☐ CAA

☐ NPDES

☐ Federal Facility

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DISCUSSION:

Fine Organics covers 48 acres and is located on the east bank of Cedar Bayou in Baytown, Texas. Five acres of the site was developed between 1994 and 1996 as an organic chemical manufacturing plant and the remainder is undeveloped. Fine Organics began pilot operations at the plant in 1996. Fine Organics subsequently filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in October of 1997. The bankruptcy court approved the sale of the facility to West Bay Organics in November of 1998. The site is fenced and monitored 24 hours per day. At the time of the Preliminary Assessment (PA) there were large amounts of raw materials being stored onsite in preparation for the start up under the new West Bay Organics ownership. Materials being stored onsite in tanks included cyclohexylamine, heptane, acetonitrile, methyl-ethyl-ketone, butanol, and other slop amines. There were two small (50 gallon) historical releases at the site in 1997 of aniline feedstock, but both spills were remediated with the excavation of contaminated soils. The pathway of concern at the site appears to be the ground water pathway, however the City of Baytown public water supply is from surface water sources. The City's drinking water wells are for backup use only.

It appears that the facility will become operational in the near future and when it does will be regulated under several federal and state environmental programs including NPDES, RCRA and Air. The facility does not appear to be a candidate for the National Priorities List (NPL) under the federal Superfund program. The facility will be given the designation of "No Further Remedial Action Planned" (NFRAP). This designation does not preclude any future actions by the State or other federal environmental programs.

APPROVALS:

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Report Reviewed by:

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☒ Approved

☐ Disapproved

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Disposition Recommended by:

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